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SUBJECT: OFFICE SPACE

REF: A. DAMASCUS 1537

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1. WITH POSSIBILITY OF ANNEX NOW IN POSSIBLE LONG TERM PLANNING AND NOT IMMEDIATELY FEASIBLE, POST HAS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO OFFER IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL B. ALL OFFICE NUMBERS AND REFERENCES ARE TO THE 1956 PLAN WHICH POST UNDERSTANDS IS WITH FBO. SECOND FLOOR (ONE SHOWING TERRACE SPACE) HAS ALL BEEN CONVERTED INTO OFFICE SPACE AREA. IN FRONT OF OFFICE NO. 22 AND NO. 23 PRESENTLY MARKED TERRACE HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO TWO OFFICES. AREA IN FRONT OF OFFICE NO. 26 HAS BEEN PARTIALLY CONVERTED INTO OFFICE SPACE WITH SMALL TERRACE STILL LEFT.

2. POST IS IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO FIND ANY INFORMATION FROM ENGINEER/ARCHITECT REGARDING STRUCTURAL CALCULATIONS AND OF THE FLOOR LOADING CAPACITIES. WE DOUBT IF ANY USEFUL INFORMATION WILL BE OBTAINED SINCE THIS BUILDING ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED AS A RESIDENCE. IT SEEMS HOWEVER, THAT TERRACE SPACE ON SECOND FLOOR HAS BEEN USED AS OFFICE SPACE FOR MANY YEARS.

3. AFTER ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR MURPHY ROOM ASSIGNMENTS AND UTILIZATION OF EXISTING OFFICE SPACE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO FBO AFTER CAREFUL STUDY OF BUILDING. POST  
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HAS ALLOCATED OFFICE SPACE SO THAT PROPOSED STAFF OF 14

AMERICANS AND 35 FSLs CAN BE SHOE-HORNED INTO EXISTING BUILDING. MINOR MODIFICATIONS SUCH AS REMOVAL OF PARTITION WALLS AND ENCLOSING OF GROUND FLOOR TERRACE IS NECESSARY TO MAKE THESE PEOPLE FIT. ENCLOSED BALCONIES ON GROUND FLOOR IS PROPOSED CONSULAR WAITING ROOM AREA.

4. AS STATED EARLIER AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR MURPHY OFFICE SPACE ALLOCATION WILL BE FINALIZED AND THEN DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE, IF NECESSARY, CAN BE RESUMED.  
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